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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for determining a local compensation for the pixel brightness is applied to evaluate the pixels of a scanned document for which brightness needs to be compensated. The method comprises, for each pixel, first evaluating the difference between the corresponding brightness value and darkness value. The result of the difference then is compared to a predetermined level value. If the difference is less than the predetermined level value, the brightness of the corresponding pixel is compensated for.